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SCOTT LUDLOW NAMED MAYOR OF TORRANCE

Earl Conner Resigns Council to Accept Postmaster Position

For the third time in the past two years, the city of Torrance was given a new mayor to head its municipal affairs Tuesday night when the Torrance city council at a special adjourned meeting named Councilman Scott R. Ludlow to fill the vacancy in the city council's chairmanship following the resignation of Mayor C. Earl Conner, in order to accept the postmaster position here, as exclusively announced in last week's Torrance Herald.

Mayor Conner first resigned as chairman in order to vote for Councilman Ludlow as mayor, and as soon as Mayor Ludlow was seated, Conner tendered his resignation as a councilman.

In accepting the mayoralty, Councilman Ludlow stated that he felt the council had lost a very valuable member in the resignation of Mayor Conner. He spoke of the untiring efforts of Mayor Conner in connection with the C. W. A. and the municipal water problem. "I have seen him work week after week, and day after day on these problems, and if his efforts should prove fruitful during the next two months, I shall not lay any claim for the credit," Ludlow stated.

Mayor Ludlow stated that he would make a special effort during the next two months to represent the city as its chief executive, and that after the April election, he would step down to his present position as councilman. He expressed the hope that among the three new councilmen who will be elected in April that there will be one who will be suitable as mayor. The position requires a great deal of time, contacting city officials, and others, and whoever is given the post after April should be able to devote much time to his work, Ludlow stated.

Mayor Conner was first appointed to the city council July 5, 1927, to fill the vacancy brought about through the resignation of Willis M. Brooks, and he served until April 16, 1928. In the municipal election on April 11, 1932, Conner was elected for a four-year term. Following the unearthing of W. T. Klusman on September 26, 1933, Conner was appointed mayor and has filled the office with marked ability ever since.

Gramercy Avenue Residents Would Prohibit Trucks

A petition signed by 44 residents of Gramercy avenue between Carson and Plaza del Amo was presented to the Torrance city council Tuesday night, asking that heavy trucks be prohibited from using the street because of the narrow roadway, the danger to children and the light grade of pavement. The matter was referred to the city engineer and street committee for study and report next Tuesday.

Who Remembers When

The following questions were sent in by Carroll S. Ashley, 1621 Acacia street, who mailed answers to those asked the week previous:

What young man sold Torrance real estate, who later became quite prominent over radio, but who had the hose turned on him by one of our first citizens for talking too much?

Who owned the first automobile in Torrance?

Who owned the first sedan in Torrance?

Who had the first flag raising in Torrance?

When was the Torrance Volunteer fire company organized, and who were its first officers?

Answers to last week's Who Remembers When:

Dr. N. A. Leake was the first physician in Torrance. He came to this city in December, 1912.

The first church established in Torrance was called the Torrance Mission and was located in a building on Border avenue opposite the Rubbercraft Corporation plant. Presbyterian services and Sunday school were held by Rev. Steffenson of Santa Ana.

The first schoolhouse was also located on Border avenue, a short distance north of the Mission. The first principal was Mr. Mason, afterwards Dr. Mason, specialist in children's diseases, of Long Beach.

The library was originally located at 1804 Gramercy, and contained several hundred books. Mrs. Isabel Henderson was the first librarian. She still is on duty in that capacity at the county branch library on El Prado.

Bartlett Files For Re-Election As City Clerk

While many citizens are reported to be considering running for the various municipal offices at the April 9 election, City Clerk A. H. Bartlett has the distinction of being the first to officially file his petition, which was done this morning.

Today was the first day that nominating petitions could be legally circulated, and friends of the veteran city clerk were on the job bright and early this morning and had no difficulty in quickly securing the required number of signatures, and the petition was returned to the city hall a few minutes later.

City Clerk Bartlett, who is seeking re-election, has held the position for the past 12 years and has been a resident of Torrance for 21 years.

Other municipal offices to be filled at the April 9 election are: Three members of the city council and city treasurer. Terms of Mayor Scott Ludlow and Councilman Klusman do not expire until 1936.

Candidates have until March 20 to file their nomination petitions. Applications for positions on the election boards must be filed before March 1.

Reconstruction Funds Are Voted

Torrance Schools Included In Early List For Repairs

Architects have been appointed to draw up plans and funds voted for the immediate reconstruction of a number of school buildings in the Los Angeles city school system, to replace those damaged by the earthquake of March 10. Approximately \$3,290,542 will be expended in the work which will include a large number of buildings in various localities.

The Torrance elementary school and Torrance high school are among those on which work will begin immediately. The Torrance elementary, Samuel E. Lunden, architect, will entail a cost of \$74,241. The appropriation for the Torrance high school, Richards & Eager, architects, is \$128,099. Eugene Weston, Jr., is the architect who has been authorized to draw plans for the replacement of the Lomita elementary building, which has been unoccupied since the quake.

Other schools in this vicinity which will be reconstructed immediately are the Gardena high school at a cost of \$191,968; David Starr Jordan high school, \$212,632; Eries avenue, Wilmington, architect, \$73,062; Wilmington Park, \$65,856; Dominguez, \$34,720; Bell high school, \$264,606.

L. A. Councilman To Speak Tomorrow

Franklin Buyer, member of the Los Angeles city council for the harbor district, will speak at a meeting of the Carson Street Unemployed Relief Association, which will be held tomorrow night, February 9, at the headquarters of the association on Carson street, one block east of the Union Tool plant. Improvement of streets in the shoeing strip as a relief project will be discussed. The public is invited to attend.

CHAMBER ACTS ON IMPORTANT LOCAL ISSUES

Would Control Fly-By-Night Firms; Opposed to Legisla- tion Affecting Oil Industry

Control of fly-by-night commercial enterprises in Torrance, the separation of the city of Los Angeles from the county, and the passage of a resolution opposing certain national legislation affecting the oil industry were among issues acted upon by directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday. The following report of the meeting was issued by L. J. Gilmeister, secretary:

At the regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, held last Monday, February 5, applications for membership by the Montgomery Lumber Co. (successors to the Mullin Lumber Co., 1752 Border avenue) and Frank C. Bechtel, janitor-engineer, Torrance high school, were approved.

The matter of effecting some control of fly-by-night commercial enterprises was given serious consideration. This point originated at a recent meeting of the members of the Torrance chamber. During the past years several such short-time mercantile activities have been conducted in Torrance, and because of their lack of permanency, have taken from our established local merchants business and profits which otherwise would have remained in Torrance. The directors appointed a committee of five, to be contacted mercantile representatives in surrounding communities for the purpose of determining some method to discourage similar future activity.

Mr. James W. Leech was appointed chairman of this committee, he in turn to select the other four members, two realtors and two merchants. A report of their findings will later be submitted to the chamber.

A resolution was adopted by the board of directors expressing the chamber's opposition to proposed national legislation which contemplates the elimination of the depletion and depreciation provisions of existing statutes, as they relate to the natural resource industries. This stand is taken by the Torrance Chamber in behalf of the oil industry of California which is represented in its entirety by the following named organizations: Independent Oil Producers Agency, Independent Petroleum Association of California, California Oil and Gas Association, Oil Producers Sales Agency of California, Pacific Coast Petroleum Industries Committee, and our senator and congressman both are being urged to oppose by their vote and their influence any change in the tax depletion and depreciation deductions now permitted the natural resource industries.

The proposed separation of Los Angeles city from the county because of the many ramifications involved and the necessity for a great deal of study is having the consideration of the chamber directors.

Torrance Boys Set Up Records In Club Contest

Alan Renn and Lee Burns, young airplane enthusiasts, invaded Long Beach last Saturday and took the honors at a model plane meet held at Recreation Park, against competition furnished by 40 other young plane builders.

Renn took first place in the meet with six points. He placed first in the cabin plane contest, his model remaining aloft 47 seconds, and third in the free-for-all when he set a mark of one minute and 16 seconds.

Burns, who is only 14 years old, and who has built only three planes to date, took first in the novice free for all. His ship mounted to a height of 1000 feet, and stayed in the air indefinitely as it drifted out of sight after it had been up 14 minutes, a new club record. Its owner followed the ship a mile before it disappeared. The meet was held by the Middough-Meier model plane club.

Turns Over P. O. Keys

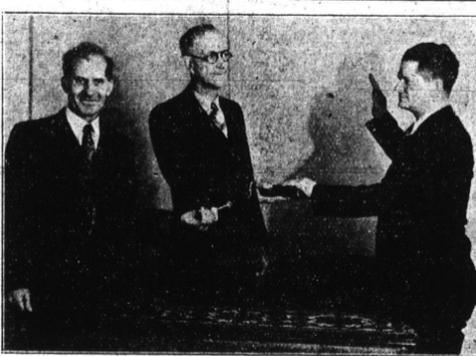


Photo by Haig & Haig, Torrance.

Terminating a 14-year term as postmaster at Torrance, Alfred Gourdier (at left) is shown handing over the key to the local postoffice to his successor, Ex-Mayor C. Earl Conner (right) as City Clerk A. H. Bartlett (center) administered the oath of office.

Postmaster Conner took his oath of office Tuesday night following his resignation from the city council, and will begin his duties as postmaster Saturday.

The Torrance Herald won a news "scoop" last week when the announcement of Conner's appointment was made exclusively by this newspaper.

Recreation Centers Will Open Saturday For Community Play

Mrs. Marian Miller, instructor; Margaret Haugeberg, gypsy story teller, and Gladys Meredith, of the Los Angeles office of the department of county recreation and playgrounds, met with playground workers from the three districts in this section Saturday afternoon, to instruct them in their duties. The meeting was held at the Torrance recreation building, formerly occupied by the Buick Motor Company, on Cabrillo avenue.

Those who attended from the districts were LaWanna Cayton, Carl L. Schmidt, Winston Steven Jay of Hermosa Beach; R. E. Proctor, Gardena; Jack Luskin, Pueblo; A. E. Paul, Mrs. Cora Bohrer, C. E. McNew and Grace Hopkins, Torrance, and Miss Josephine L. Odell, aide to Coach Bernard J. Donahue, in charge of recreation work in this city.

Starting next Saturday, the playground at Post and Cravens avenue, and the municipal ball park will be open from 9 to 5 o'clock. All other week-days, playgrounds will be open from 3 to 5 p. m., and all who wish to join in the recreation events at these places are welcome to do so.

The recreation building at 1316 Cabrillo avenue will also be open, and as many as can do so are asked to come in and register. Young and old are eligible.

"We want to find out how many people we have," says Coach Donahue, and in what games or crafts they are interested. We want to work up teams in several sports and arrange tournaments. Adults will be grouped in teams, minors in others, and this will hold for both sexes, so that fathers may try to outdo their sons and mothers compete with their daughters.

At the outdoor playgrounds volleyball, basketball, indoor baseball and other active sports will be staged. At the recreation building, indoor games of checkers, chess, ping pong, and other pastimes will be afforded. All we want is for the people of Torrance to turn out and take part in these activities. Make the club and playgrounds a regular interest daily or at least two or three times a week in the development of health of body and mind.

"The supervisors of play are ready to give their best to make the games attractive, and all we want is the co-operation of the people for whom these playtimes are arranged."

Some furnishings are needed at the recreation center. Donations of used chairs, benches, stools and tables will be appreciated, as there are none in the building and they are necessary to carry on the work here. All residents are called upon to search their garages, attics, and storage places for discarded furniture and a call to the playground director will bring someone to pick up the gifts.

Torrance Enrolls In Health Contest Conducted This Year

Torrance and Pomona are two of 18 California cities to enroll in the 1934 health conservation contest which is being conducted by the American Public Health Association and the United States Chamber of Commerce, according to an announcement made by the head of the state department of public health, Dr. Giles S. Porter.

Besides these two cities, Los Angeles, Glendale, Montebello, Redlands, Palo Alto, Pasadena, Redlands, Riverside, Sacramento, San Jose, Santa Ana, Santa Paula, Pittsburg, Sonoma, Sierra, Madre and Eureka are entered in the contest.

Health authorities of these cities are making out fact-finding schedules which must be filed in Washington, D. C., before March 1. Dr. Porter stated that letters explaining all the details of the contest have been sent to the cities entered.

Torrance Boy Is First Alternate

Jack Christensen, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Christensen, proprietors of the confectionery at 1405 Sartori avenue, was notified this week that he had placed second in the final examinations held in January for entrance to the United States naval academy at Annapolis. Jack is rated as first alternate, and should the winner, Robert Jackson, become ineligible, he will be first in line for the appointment. Competition for the honors was exceptionally keen, with 144 young men taking the tests, and Jack is to be congratulated on his excellent showing.

PLAN TO BUY LEGION CLUB FOR LIBRARY

May Propose Bond Issue to Cover Purchase and Improvements

A proposal to ask the city of Torrance to purchase the American Legion clubhouse on Carson street and rent it to the county as a library was discussed by officers of the clubhouse holding company and members of the Legion executive committee this week, and will be submitted to members of the Legion Monday evening.

Under the plan as outlined, a bond issue would be submitted at the April 9 election of sufficient amount to purchase the present building and spend between \$6000 and \$7000 in remodeling and improvements to adapt it to library purposes. The grounds would also be beautified. It is pointed out by proponents of the plan, that the rental paid by the county would cover the interest and at least a portion of the retirement on the bonds. It is argued that the close proximity of the clubhouse to the high school is a desirable location. Miss Helen Vogleson, county librarian, following an inspection of the property and a study of tentative alterations and improvements as outlined by the architect, is reported to be favorable to the plan.

There is a \$3500 mortgage against the property and the Legion is now delinquent six months in its interest as well as last year's taxes, it is pointed out by an official of the holding company.

Report Every Two Weeks At Headquarters

CWA Workers Requested to Note New Ruling By Department

Torrance unemployed who have registered for CWA work are asked to take note of the following letter sent out by Roy C. Donahay, assistant manager NRS, in regard to a new ruling made by the department headquarters.

The letter was issued under date of February 1 and is as follows: "To All C. W. A. Registrants: "Registrants for C. W. A. work orders, who have not received C. W. A. work orders, should contact once every two weeks the National Reemployment Service office in which they are registered. They should state their names and addresses to the interviewer in the office and also state if they are still available for work placement under the classification in which they registered."

"Failure on the part of the registrant to do this will cause the registrant's application to be filed inactive."

"ROY C. DONAHAY,
Assistant Manager, N. R. S."

President's Ball Here Nets \$83.00

Net proceeds of the birthday ball for President Roosevelt held at the Hollywood-Riviera clubhouse recently were \$83.00, and this amount has been forwarded as this community's contribution to the Warm Springs Foundation for the benefit of children afflicted with infantile paralysis. It is announced by Beverly B. Smith, president of the Torrance Democratic Club.

A large number were present at the regular monthly meeting of the Democratic Club Monday evening at Earl's Cafe, to felicitate Mayor Conner on his appointment as postmaster. Meetings hereafter will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 8 p. m., and all registered Democrats are welcome. President Smith announced.

A resolution commending John B. Elliott for his patriotic exposure as postmaster. Meetings hereafter will be held the first Tuesday of the month at 8 p. m., and all registered Democrats are welcome. President Smith announced.

HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION MEETING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Annual membership meeting of the Torrance Hospital Association will be held next Wednesday, February 14, at 4 p. m., and will be held at the Nurses Home on Cota avenue. All members are urged to attend.

Bold Burglar Found to Be 12-Pound Cat

Mysterious footsteps on the roof of the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company store, heard at intervals for several nights, caused a guard to be placed in the store after working hours, in the expectation of a nocturnal raid, but came to an amusing anti-climax last Saturday night when the guard, bare employee, and Night Officer Everett Travelli joined in an exciting chase.

Travelli was patrolling the alley on his regular beat when he heard excited cries coming from the store. "There he goes. He's on the roof. Don't let him get away." And then there was a rush of pounding feet in the direction of the back door of the store.

Travelli drew his gun and advanced toward the sound of the midnight revelry. The back door was thrown open with a resounding slam and the sheriff's deputy, gun in hand, backed up by store employees, was about to dash into the alley when Travelli's stern voice called "Halt!"

Everybody halted, and the deputy made himself known. With explanations all round, the party joined forces and pursued the marauder up on the roof, where out of a ventilator shaft came a big bad gray cat whose stealthy prowling on the tin roof had caused all the excitement. The cat was a big fellow, weighing about 12 pounds.

The burglar scare in the A. and P. store is over.

Public School Week In April

Annual Observance of Event More Important Than Ever

Date for the 15th annual observance of Public Schools Week in California has been set for the fourth week in April with Masonic lodges and other public-spirited citizens joining as usual in making it a successful event.

Public Schools Week is more important than ever, this year, since the situation which confronts the schools is one of extreme hazard.

The situation in many rural districts is tragic. For lack of funds almost 2000 rural schools failed to open last fall. Approximately 18,000 more will remain open for a term of not more than six months, and of these 700 will not exceed three months. As a result more than 1,000,000 children will not receive their due measure of education this year.

In California the situation is not quite so tense, but even in this state some educational opportunities have been curtailed or discontinued. That more have not been discontinued is due to the widespread interest of parents and the public in general in the public schools in the state. To maintain that interest and increase it is the object of the promoters of Public Schools Week.

City Firemen Get Ready For Annual Dance

Annual Event Will Be Held March 17 At Holly- wood Riviera

Committees have been appointed and are already working on plans for the annual Firemen's dance, which will be held March 17, St. Patrick's Day, at the Hollywood Riviera clubhouse.

The firemen have put on a dance for a number of years, until within the past two years the event was abandoned on account of the depression, but since conditions have now taken a definite upswing they are planning to resume the promotion of this pleasurable affair.

Committee on arrangements includes A. H. Bartlett, Roy Winters and J. J. Benner. Ticket committee which is already functioning includes W. T. Jones, James Brodie and Dewey Fix.

Plans to make this dance a very special event in the social season, are under consideration, and all friends of the Torrance firemen are expected to keep the date in mind and prepare to attend.

NAT'L SUPPLY RAISES WAGES OF EMPLOYEES

140 Added to Payroll of Local Plant in Past Six Months

A blanket increase of five cents per hour has been added to the wage rate of all employees working on an hourly basis at the Torrance plant of the National Supply Company, it was announced today by company officials. This is the second wage rate increase since the N. R. A. went into effect and brings the hourly wages at the Union Tool plant back to approximately the same level as existed before the depression. The first wage increase averaged about 10 per cent and was put into effect following the adoption of shorter hours under the N. R. A.

One-hundred and forty additional employees have been added to the National Supply payroll here during the past six months, bringing the present total to 355 employees. Of the 140 additional employees, 45 were due to the shorter hours under the N. R. A., and the balance to increased activities in the petroleum industry. It was stated by E. R. Smith, employment and welfare manager. Thirty-five additional men were just recently given employment.

In commenting upon the five-cent per hour wage rate advance, Mr. Smith stated that while the present earnings of the company did not warrant increasing wages from a profit standpoint, the company felt that wages should be adjusted for the increased costs of living.

A. L. Weil Succeeds Brown As President General Petroleum

The election of A. L. Weil to the presidency of the General Petroleum Corporation of California was announced today at Los Angeles, main office of the corporation. Mr. Weil has been acting chief executive in directing affairs of the corporation, and was chosen president following the resignation of President John A. Brown this week.

General Petroleum is rated as one of the major industries of Torrance, where the company operates a large refinery on a 1000-acre site.

Merlin Cook Is Recruit Honor Man

Merlin Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook, 1820 Gramercy avenue, has been named honor man for the week in his company at the naval training station at San Diego. Cook's work was outstanding in the group of 14 men. Honor men are selected for their personal appearance, initiative and ability to profit from instruction.

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